THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) A committee appointed by the Delhi Administration recently, has *inter-alia* recommended that a committee with a team of experts should be appointed to monitor the working of the Blood Banks and Laboratories periodically.

(b) All Blood Banks whether in the Government or private sector, have to be licenced by the respective Drug Control Administration after inspection by the State. However, Drugs Controller (India) has advised State Drug Controllers to inspect Blood Banks alongwith officials of the Drug Control Organisation and Blood Bank experts as far as possible.

Hospitals/Beds in the Country

911. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals per 1000 Sq. Km. of area and hospitals/beds per lakh persons Statewise during 1980 and 1990;

(b) what is the number of villages still without primary health centres Statewise; and

(c) the steps taken to provide basic health facilities to rural masses?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Information is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No. 17].

(b) and (c) The facilities of primary health care are available to all the 588651 inhabited villages in the country through the net-work of Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres.

Formation of Council for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapits

912. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 677 Given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Law has suggested that the proposed legislation can be brought without prior consultation with State Governments;

(b) whether Government have accepted the advice of the Ministry of Law;

(c) if so, by when a legislation is proposed to be brought; and

(d) if the reply to part (b) be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government are in the process of obtaining comments of various Ministries on the proposed legislation. The enactment of the proposed legislation may take a year or so.

Commercialisation of Blood

913. SHRI J. S. RAJU:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring a legislation for banning commercialisation of blood;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There is at present no proposal to bring a legislation for banning of blood collection by commercial blood banks.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.